

ANN LANDERS



Just Drop the Act

Dear Ann Landers My husband sells insurance. He is sociable and handsome and women have always been attracted to him. Many of his clients live in the suburbs. He collects from them on a regular basis, which he says is better than depending on them to mail in the premiums. I know many of his clients, in fact two are women he went to high school with and are very pleasant and friendly. He has told me they fix coffee.

Three times in the last month I have needed him for emergencies. Once I ran out of money and twice our child became ill. I got in my car and went to look for him. Twice I found him having coffee in one woman's house and the third time he was standing on the porch talking.

I know he didn't like the idea of my looking for him but then I don't like the idea of him being so friendly with his clients. If he is not doing anything wrong, why does he object so strenuously—MRS. Z-20.

Dear Z: Your husband has a right to be resentful. Do you know what you do to him in the eyes of his clients when you track him down?

Women who don't trust their husbands always manage to find something to worry about. If they fail to turn up solid evidence their imaginations manufacture something just as good. Drop the bloodhound act before you create a real problem.

Dear Ann Landers: For years I've been meaning to write to you as a joke, to see if I could fool you into believing my letter was legitimate. Now I am writing the real thing.

Two months ago my sister was killed in a car accident. Her boy friend, Mike, was driving and I was in the car, too. We weren't even scratched.

The accident was not Mike's fault. Everyone knows that, but I can't help hating him just the same. My folks keep inviting Mike over because they feel sorry for him and they want to show him they don't hold him responsible, but I'm getting so I can't stand the sight of the guy.

I've been trying to talk to my school counselor but I can't get the words out. I end up pretending I came to talk about something else. Can you help me?—THE PRETENDER.

Dear Pretender: Writing to me was a giant step in the right direction. Now you must unburden yourself to your school counselor. Take this column in as an ice-breaker. Hand it to the counselor and say, "This is my letter." The rest will come.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently, a girl wrote to say her date (who had spent \$14) was very let-down because she gave him only a verbal thank you for the evening.

You said, "If a girl wants to show her appreciation for a pleasant evening, a nice friendly 'thank you' plus a Methodist handshake is adequate."

Please tell me, Ann Landers, what is a Methodist handshake?—IGNORANCE IN NEW YORK.

Dear New York: A Methodist handshake is a mid-Western term, which means "Greetings, friend"—or "Goodbye, Buddy."

Unsure of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing your request 35c in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (c) 1967, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Scout-o-Rama Sales Continue

Ticket sales for Scouting's 16th annual show, the 1967 Scout-O-Rama, kicked off last week and first-day sales were the largest in history, according to Ticket Sales Chairman Thomas Nickell.

Nickell said that 30,000 tickets were sold on the first day—three times the number sold last year on the first day. Nickell said he expects that 80,000 tickets will be sold by show time, June 3.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers are selling Scout-O-Rama tickets door-to-door.

The fun-filled family show will be from noon to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at East Los Angeles College and El Camino College. Two locations were chosen to give wider participation by both Scouts and the general public.

Scout-O-Rama is actually eight shows in one. Thomas Reddin, Los Angeles police chief and general chairman, said, Gaily decorated booths will demonstrate Scouting skills, games, crafts and activities.

Special areas are set aside for an Indian Village, Little Theatre presentations, Chal-

enge Arena competitions and pioneering area activities.

THERE WILL also be a Midway, an aqua pool with skin diving and canoeing demonstrations, and Paul Bunyan's Kitchen, where samples of barbecued chicken shish-kabob will be given sold, and you can see pancakes mixed in a cement mixer or a pie baked Scout-style... on a hot rock.

"There will be something for everyone in the family to see, hear and to do at Scout-O-Rama, promised Chief Reddin. All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to help Scouting, especially the camping facilities and programs for boys in south central Los Angeles.

EACH TROOP, pack or post also received a commitment on the sale of tickets to the Scout-O-Rama, amounting to as much as 25 per cent.

Scouts are awarded prizes will demonstrate Scouting skills, games, crafts and activities. Among the awards are Powell Challenger Trail bikes, Mattel toys, Dodger baseball tickets, Scout equipment, sports equipment and camping gear.



COOL DOWN... De Ann Cotter cools off the ardour of David Cliff in a scene from the Kentwood Players' production of "A Hatful of Rain," now playing at the Westchester Playhouse. The drama, directed by Ed Cotter, stars Jack Coppock as a young husband addicted to narcotics. It will continue Friday and Saturday evenings through June 17. The Westchester Playhouse is located at 8301 Hindry Ave.

Kentwood Players Score With 'A Hatful of Rain'

What happens to a drug addict when his world begins to tumble in about him?

That is the subject of Michael V. Gazzo's drama, "A Hatful of Rain," now being presented by the Kentwood Players at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave.

Gazzo's script is a powerful and telling one and this production by Kentwood has been carefully staged by director Ed Cotter to give the story added meaning.

Jack Coppock stars as Johnny Pope, the young husband who is addicted to drugs as the result of war wounds. Coppock is forceful and effective in the role of a man faced with divorce, an invasion by his not-so-understanding father, and by his supplier, to whom he owes a great deal of money.

EQUALLY effective is De Ann Cotter, who plays the role of Celia Pope, the young wife who really loves her husband, but is confused by her inability to understand what is happening.

The relationship between husband and wife is complicated by the presence of brother Polo Pope—played by David Cliff. Cliff is easily the most gifted actor in the cast and his performance as the drunk brother is a particularly delightful one.

Rounding out the Pope family is father John Pope Sr., a widower who never got

to know his two sons because he shipped them off to an orphanage. The role is played well by Harry Pierce, a veteran member of the Kentwood Players and an effective and able actor.

Mother, the gangster who until the play opens—has

supplied Johnny with his narcotics, is portrayed by C. Clarke Bell, who also is producer of "A Hatful of Rain." Bell is perfectly believable as a gangster.

Raymond Kark and Jack Kent portray Apples and Church, the flunkies who do Mother's dirty work.

Completing the cast are Herb Stillman and Patricia Davis in minor roles.

The sets were designed by Bell and decorated by Dorris Reynolds and are particularly effective.

WITH A GOOD script and the careful, almost perfect casting, Kentwood has come up with another hit in the current season. There is, however, one annoying feature in the occasional periods of silence. Cotter, at times, holds these periods for much too long a time.

Finally, the script is about 10 lines too long. The full effect of the play would be much more dramatic had Cotter assumed the poet's license and cut the telephone call from the play.

"A Hatful of Rain" will play Fridays and Saturdays through June 17 and those who elect to drive to Westchester will not be disappointed.—J.R.



JACK FEDER To Speak Tomorrow

Renewal Project Is Topic

A presentation on the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project will highlight a public program commemorating "Home Ownership Day" tomorrow at the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Hall, 22833 Arlington Ave.

Jack Feder, educator, businessman, author, and former jet pilot, will speak on the "Crisis of Freedom." Feder is a long-time spokesman for the free enterprise system.

Fred L. Fredericks is chairman for the "Home Ownership Day" program. Events will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Jerome I. (Jerry) Scharfman, assistant city manager in Torrance, will present the city's position on the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

Speaking in opposition to the redevelopment project will be Mrs. Janette Aldermatt, chairman of a group known as Active Citizens of Torrance.

The program is part of a week-long observance marking National Realtor's Week here. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served.

Banquet To Honor Students

Top students at El Camino College will be honored at an academic awards banquet at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the Campus Center.

The banquet, which annually honors students for their achievements in the classroom, will be highlighted by the award of honors to top students from 10 instructional divisions.

Recipients of scholarships and members of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the state junior college honor society, also will be recognized at the banquet.

Report on Derby

Members of the city's Airport Commission will convene at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Torrance City Hall. Chief item on the commission's agenda is a report on the arrangements for the 1967 Powder Puff Derby.

WINNERS LISTED

Marines Win Trio Of Parade Awards

Marine Corps entries won three of the seven perpetual trophies in the eighth annual Armed Forces Day parade here last Saturday.

The top award, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Gold Trophy for the best exhibit area entry, was awarded to the 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Other Marine Corps winners were the 5th Marine Division Band, which won the All-America City Award for the best military music unit, and the 1st Battalion, 14th Marines (Artillery Battalion), which won the Secretary of Defense trophy for the best reserve forces unit.

THE WEST High School Band and Drill Team claimed the Mayor's Trophy for the best local entry and the 132nd

Engineer Battalion's Mounted Honor Guard was named winner of the Governor's Trophy for the best National Guard Unit.

Naval units won the remaining two perpetual trophies. The Association of the United States Army Trophy, awarded to the Fire Control Technician School Drill Team, Naval School Command, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif. A platoon from the USS Yorktown was named winner of the Secretary of Defense Trophy for the best regular forces entry.

NON-PERPETUAL trophies were awarded in the following categories:

Best aerospace exhibit — Douglas Aircraft Co.; best combat exhibit — 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve; best combat support exhibit — U.S.

Army, Ft. MacArthur, chemical display; best ROTC unit (senior) — Naval ROTC Drill Team, University of Southern California; and best ROTC unit (junior) — Long Beach Polytechnical High School Junior ROTC Drill Team.

Other non-perpetual trophies were: Best academic military music unit — St. John's Military Academy Band; best civilian entry — Elsinore Naval and Military School Color Guard and Drill Platoon; best civilian music entry — North High School Band and Drill Team; outstanding entry, open class marching unit — Fire Control Technician School Drill Team, Naval Schools Command, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.; and outstanding entry, open class motorized unit — 1st Battalion, 14th Marines (Artillery Battalion).

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OPEN NEW COMPLEX... Studying the directory at the new Torrance Medical Arts Center, 3640 W. Lomita Blvd., are (from left) Dr. Raymond Wintrob; Herman Brandt, president of the board of South Bay Hospital; and Neil Stanton Palmer, architect for the new building. The \$2 million facility, first unit in a 35-acre medical complex adjacent to the new Torrance Memorial Hospital, was opened Sunday for inspection.

Chamber Picking Six for Board

Ballots to select six directors for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have been mailed to the organization's membership, according to Manager J. Walker Owens.

Nominated for the balloting are Gerald L. Alter, Reid L. Bundy, George M. Ebert, Harry Gorman, Frank Hoff-

man, A. L. Holiday, Herman Link, Don M. McGrath, Donald Meyer, Robert R. Rojo, John O. Schmidt, Rollin R. Smith, Robert H. Vroman, Harry L. Weaver, and George S. Wing.

Ballots must be returned to the Chamber offices of June 13, Owens said. The new

board will meet June 20 to select 1967-1968 officers from its members.

Installation has been scheduled for June 30 in Manhattan Beach. The Distinguished Citizen Award and architectural merit awards will be presented at that time, Owens said.

COUNT MARCO

Get Rid of Your Mother-in-Law

When is a mother not a mother? When she's a mother-in-law. Here is a common complaint about a most disgusting breed of vampire, the blood-suckers who kill a marriage without mercy.

My correspondent writes: "My husband has a problem, and what a problem she is. It's my own mother, who has turned out to be one of those terrible mother-in-law types.

"She is widowed and frustrated, lonely, full of self-pity. Consequently she devotes most of her life to interfering in her married children's lives. And what is unforgivable, she relates all the personal intimate details about one family to the rest.

She goes to each household for weekends and doesn't know she should keep personal affairs private.

"Please write a column on a code of ethics for mothers-in-law. Advise them to stop interfering, repeating private matters, stop complaining all the time, and above all, keep busy so they'll find little time for messing up other persons' lives.

"I've even thought of sug-

gesting to my sisters and brothers that we all pitch in and send her to some kind of home or something but I'm afraid of what our neighbors and friends may think. Would this be a terrible thing to do?"

"I can't help but think of that saying in the Bible, 'honor thy father and thy mother,' but obviously whoever wrote it wasn't stuck with the likes of mine. Do I sound heartless? I don't mean to, but I am heartsick."

— C.R.

It's true there may be no place like home, and there's no home like one of the 'put out to pasture' homes for busybody old ladies who can't mind their own business. Especially the big-mouthed ones who can spread bad news faster than an epidemic.

Mothers-in-law are the No. 3 reason for divorce. Whether she's your mother or his, turning the other cheek is certainly not the answer.

"The first thing to do is take her on a city-wide tour of the various bed-sore museums where the likes of her are usually stored. If that doesn't jam up her jaws, then

go one step further. Give her a lifetime membership in one.

Don't worry about what your friends or neighbors may say. They've probably been thinking behind your back long before this, whispering, "How in the world do they ever put up with that bitch? I'd put her away if I were them."

If, on the other hand, they should raise their brows and voices in horror, do them a favor. Dump old loudmouth on them. Every mother-in-law should remember that, first of all, she is a mother. A mother's duty to her child is to provide security, happiness and aid in time of need.

Whenever a mother-in-law cries on my shoulder, "But I'm trying to help my children through my experiences," I answer, "if experience has made a better person of you why deprive them of the same privilege. If you've made a mess of your life, then how can you possibly advise them?"

So if you're having that kind of sickness around your house, let me do the dirty work. Show this column under her nose.